

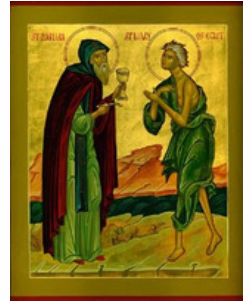
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## ST. MARY OF EGYPT 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



6th, 7th, and 8th graders continue to study the 10 Commandments. Can you name all 10????



Preschool children through 4th grade practiced singing in anticipation of the resurrection of Jesus. We learned "Christos Anesti" in both Greek and English. Thank you Mrs. Thomas for leading our choir!!



Our Elementary students proudly show off cards they created for homebound parishioners. We hope this brings a smile to many faces.



Preschool students are learning why we celebrate Easter.

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Yesterday, 15 of our GOYAnS (6 boys and 9 girls) participated in the Northern NJ Youth Committee Soccer Tournament held at Centercourt Sports Complex in Morganville, NJ. The boys' team had a record of 1-1-1 and girls went 1-2. Both teams gave it their all! We are so proud of you! It was a great day filled with fun and fellowship! Thank you to our boys' and girls' head coaches, Marcos Guerrero and Jim Nonas, respectively and to Peter Christakos, Constantine Maroulis and Yianni Maris for helping out with practices.



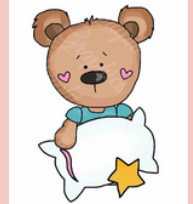
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## GOYAnS, Religious Education, Greek School and Greek Dance Students -

Come join us for a truly great and rewarding evening! The Lock In is a special Friday night in which the GOYAnS participate in a Christ centered activity, spiritual growth and bonding with fellow GOYAnS.

GOYAnS will share a Lenten dinner with Religious Education, Greek School and Greek Dance students and will also be making palm crosses with them for Palm Sunday (pick up for non-GOYAnS is 8:00pm). This is followed by gym fun and games for the GOYAnS!

Father Bill will offer confession that evening for GOYAnS who would like to participate.

The Lock In will begin on Friday evening at 6:30pm (4/26) with pick up for GOYAnS the next morning Saturday (4/27) at 11:30am after we all attend Church services for the Saturday of Lazarus.

GOYAnS - Please bring your younger siblings! Sign up below by Wednesday, April 24th.

GOYAnS -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050845A4A92AABFB6-48927880-2024>

Non-GOYAnS -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050845A4A92AABFB6-48934318-2024>

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SEE YOU

Next Week



## OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week <b>FEBRUARY 25th</b>	 <b>Publican and the Pharisee</b> Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week <b>MARCH 3rd</b>	 <b>The Prodigal Son Returns!</b> Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare <b>MARCH 10th</b> FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	 <b>The Last Judgement</b> Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare <b>MARCH 17th</b> FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 <b>Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise!</b> <b>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</b> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 24th</b>	 <b>SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY</b> Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 31st</b>	 <b>ST GREGORY PALAMAS</b> Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 7th</b>	 <b>VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> <b>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</b> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 14th</b>	 <b>ST JOHN of the LADDER</b> Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 21st</b>	 <b>ST MARY of EGYPT</b> Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! <b>APRIL 28th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <b>MAY 3rd</b>	 <b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> <b>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</b> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! <b>MAY 5th</b> NO FASTING!	 <b>HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

